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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
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	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)

2. Key Personnel List

The Chairman announced that the new Key Personnel List will be ready for distribution within the week (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 164, dated 23 February 1954). The members requested copies for their respective agencies as follows:

State	300 copies
Army	75 copies
Navy	30 copies
Air Force	15 copies

The Army member proposed that the list be unclassified, but in view of CIA Security Restrictions the Chairman held that the consolidated list must be classified CONFIDENTIAL.

3. Release of NIS to SHAPE and SACLANC

The memorandum as approved by the Committee for the release of NIS to SHAPE and SACLANC was handed to the Army member for forwarding to the Secretariat, State-Defense Military Information Control Committee, with an information copy to Navy, and copies to State and Air Force.

The Chairman noted a standing requirement for the Secretariat, State-Defense Military Information Control Committee to supply D/B with copies of releases to SHAPE and SACLANC and, as the need-to-know is established, to their major subordinate commands.

4. Request by Export-Import Bank

All members except Navy approved the request of the Export-Import Bank for certain sections of Chapters V and VI on several Middle Eastern countries. The Navy member will phone in the position of his agency on this request.

The Army member said that inasmuch as this is not a continuing type of requirement but a one-time request only, he felt it should be left off the IAC Directive D-45/12. The Vice Chairman will check on this possibility.

5. Chapter VI on Bloc Areas

The Chairman distributed copies of the tentative production schedule for Chapter VI on the Soviet Bloc areas which the Economic Research Area has proposed for Fiscal Year 1955. The schedule includes the production of 12 Sections and the review of 2 Sections which are related to this new production. Under this schedule a complete Chapter VI on East Germany will be produced and all of Chapter VI on the USSR will be revised under the maintenance program, Section 65 having recently been published. Contributions from the Defense Agencies will be made in accordance with the normal allocation of production responsibility. The Chairman emphasized to the members the desirability of accepting this schedule as it now stands since it represents the best use of capabilities in the Economic Research Area and reflects the highest priority requirements. He asked the members to review the schedule and notify him of their agencies' views at the earliest practicable date.

6. Status of NIS 43 (Indochina)

In accordance with a request made at NIS Committee Meeting No. 169 that unscheduled sections on NIS 43 be incorporated into the '55 schedule, the State member reported that Sections 42 and 54 will be brought into the '55 schedule and every effort will be made to bring in Sections 40 and 50. He noted that Chapter VI will be done except for Section 60, and stated that although Section 55 is not yet scheduled, State will attempt to include it in the '55 schedule. Information on the revised schedule for sections on NIS 43 will be included in the revised 1955 production schedule which State is submitting. The Chairman reported that Section 56, produced by the DD/P Area, will be submitted to State in June 1954.

7. 1955 Production Schedule

The Army member stated that he will submit a revised 1955 production schedule by Friday of this week. He reported that production of Supplements III will cease at the end of this fiscal year; the last two Supplements III will be on NIS 15 (Switzerland) and NIS 17 (Italy). As the 1955 production schedule will soon be firmed up, the date of 25 May 1954 was set for submission by all coordinators of tentative 1956 production schedules for planning purposes. The Chairman will notify CIA coordinators of this requirement.

8. Proposed Changes by Army in the NIS Program

Further discussion was held on the changes proposed in the memorandum from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, dated 5 April 1954 (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 169).

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With reference to Item a (Concurrences), the general view of the Committee was that "joint concurrence" involves joint responsibility, which is not what is desired by Army. The "joint assistance" aspect would appear to be the proper designation. This offers the opportunity to inject any aspects that are of vital interest to an agency at the time the section is being prepared, either by formal contribution or by consultation. Furthermore, any agency which has "jointly assisted" in the preparation of a section may call for a review of the finished draft to ascertain that its views on matters affecting its vested interests have been properly set forth.

The Chairman pointed out that the phrase "with joint assistance" was written into the Allocation of Responsibility to insure the aforementioned procedure. In those cases where the joint assistance has not been observed, it is incumbent upon the interested agencies to assume active part in the preparation of such contributions.

The Army member was requested to have this matter reconsidered by Army in light of this discussion.

With reference to Item d (Section 45 Responsibility) State reported that his Agency was generally in agreement with the idea of combining the Health and Sanitation Section with the Public Welfare Section to make one consolidated section, "Public Health and Welfare". He pointed out that there are various production problems involved. There would have to be joint assistance from the Surgeon General's Office and possibly from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. A new Guide would have to be worked up. The general idea, however, is acceptable to State. The Chairman suggested the appointment of a working committee comprising representatives of State, Army, and D/B to see how the military aspects would be incorporated into Section 81 and the Outline revised to include the present requirements of Sections 45 and 46 into a new Section 45, "Public Health and Welfare". The suggestion met with Committee approval. The working committee was appointed with the following representatives: State, Dr. Strong - Army, Lt. Col. Regan - D/B, Dr. Porterfield. The findings of this working committee will be reviewed by the NIS Committee.

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9. Request [REDACTED] for Chapter IX, NIS 39

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The Chairman reported that a request [REDACTED] for Chapter IX, NIS 39 (China) had been referred to the Chapter IX Coordinator for examination and comment by the several contributing agencies since it is controlled for "US Officials Only". The Chapter IX Coordinator's findings and recommendations are to the effect that the only practical manner in which this Chapter can be released [REDACTED] is by deleting specified map items and references. The Chairman supplied the members with copies of the Chapter IX Coordinator's report dated 9 April 1954 and requested them to review the matter with their agencies and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

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10. Miscellany

A. The Chairman stated that the USSR Biographies will be classified SECRET because many of them cannot be downgraded further without deleting important substantive material.

B. The Army member submitted a revised Outline and Outline Guide on Section 38 to the Chairman for review by the D/B Staff.

11. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 1954 at 1000 hours.



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